

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Appln. No. 10/032,065

Docket No. Q67943

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-6 and 8-12 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 11 and 12 are added in order to provide additional claim coverage. Claim 1 is the only independent claim.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to delete the recitation that the each bar member is individually formed from a single piece of wire material. By this amendment, it is clear that claim 1 is not limited a glove holding means including to bar members that are each formed from a single piece of wire material.

Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 1 is allowable over the previously cited references. None of the cited references teaches or suggests a glove holding member having fingers formed by a configuration of bar members, each bar member being formed from wire material having ends secured in two mounting holes provided in said base and being bent into a hair-needle shape adapted to distend a corresponding finger member of the protective glove in a direction transverse to said common plane.

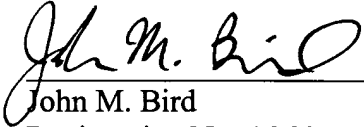
For example, the specific glove holding members disclosed in U.S. Patents Nos. 1,221,165 and 1,319,579 (Gillam), 2,123,523 (Clyde), 3,133,682 (Sawyer) and 4,638,915 (Kaplan) not teach or suggest the claimed glove holding member having fingers formed by the recited configuration of bar members.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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